Dear Les,

10/18/80

If you were in Europe as long as I was in the hospital you should have had a very good trip. Hope you did. Thanks for your card.

The initial surgery was a great success. Only I also developed another venous thrombosis while recovering from it. This kept me hospitalized for another week. They the day I was discharged a bunch of crud, including a single blood clot 15 inches long, broke loose and lodged in the leg and foot. This was and remains a trouble.

I now have a plastic artery in the left thigh, from the groin to the knee. The second operation consisted in going in the lower incision (I had a tunnel job, not a thigh-long incision) and fishing out all the crap. This was possible down to the ankle. They couldn't get at the smaller crap in the foot. It was attacked by intravenous anticoagulents and other medication and again I'm living on rat poison (literally) at home.

After a month in bed I'm a bit weak. I can walk about 200 steps without real pain. I have to get up and walk often, to work the blood and hope as it flows it will also cleanse. How much work around the place will be possible remains to be seen but I'm told I'll probably have to be pretty much of a hermit during winters.

But I feel fine and I'm glad to be home and when I finish this will again join battle.

I win some and I lose some but I keep going forward.

The large hearth is now invisible from 14 cartons of formerly secret FBI records that came while I was hospitalized and I expect more. As soon as friends can be mobilized these will be filed and accessible to others.

After I heard from you before I was hospitalized I wrote Gary Cohn. When I got no response I turned some of the material I had in mind over to others, hoping it is not too hot for those uses.

Thanks for your good wishes and many kindnesses.

Best,